

Prohibition Party at Work

THE EMPIRE STATE

Progress of the Fight to Make Old Party Officials Give Prohibitionists Fair Play—Funds Needed at Once to Support Legal Processes

OSWEGO, N. Y., November 29.—(Special correspondence.)—County Prohibition Chairman GEORGE D. HARGER of this town was in Boylston yesterday serving on the town clerk and justices of the peace of that town (constituting the town board of canvassers) a mandamus order of Supreme Court Justice ANDREWS of Syracuse, procured by MOREHOUSE, MIZEN & MOREHOUSE, attorneys for CLARENCE E. PITTS, chairman of the New York state Prohibition committee, directing the board to appoint prohibition election officials in that town, or appear before Judge ANDREWS, Saturday, December 7, at Syracuse, and show cause why they have not done so. Attorney ROSCOE SARGENT of Sandy Creek this morning, at the meeting of the Sandy Creek town board, served similar mandamus papers, compelling the same action in connection with Prohibition inspectors of election. Twelve election officials, eight in Sandy Creek and four in Boylston, are to make, six inspectors of election, three clerks and three ballot clerks.

The election law compels town boards to meet the Thursday after election and appoint the inspectors (the inspectors appoint the other officials), but these town boards did not do so. Attorney General JACKSON rendered an opinion that the right to inspectors depends upon the vote of the state, enabling the Republicans and Democrats to inspectors, regardless of the vote of the town.

In these towns the vote, for illustration supervisor, was: Sandy Creek, Prohibition, 181; Democrat, 104; Boylston, Prohibitionist, 30; Democrat, 27.

The Prohibitionists contend that the officials are town officials, paid by the town, and that the town should select them without reference to the vote of the remainder of the state, just as towns have for decades past. The committee secured the opinion of several leading attorneys of the state, all agreeing that the Prohibitionists, in case successful, are entitled to inspectors.

The party has grown to a place where the matter comes up this year in six different counties, in part of which Prohibitionists have been appointed, and in part of which they have not. Mr. PITTS was instructed by the committee to push test cases through the Court of Appeals, if necessary, and has already notified the mayor of Sandy Creek town that unless Prohibition inspectors of election there, where the prohibition party is in second place, are appointed, similar proceedings will be taken.

Thousands of these positions are at stake in the state in the future, and as the law is not explicit, the Prohibitionists intend to make these test cases

and carry to the highest court for settlement of the law.

Their attorneys are hard at work on papers for applications to supreme court for mandamus to compel reconvening of one county and one city counting board, and the counting of Prohibition votes where such was not done.

The Prohibition party, Mr. PITTS states, proposes hereafter to fight for its rights in the courts at every turn, even though but a single vote or petty official be the issue, in order to convince officials at large that the party's rights must be observed exactly the same as those of other parties.

OSWEGO, N. Y., December 6.—(Headquarters Bulletin.)—All available funds were used in the campaign, the move upon the part of state Democratic officials to steal our offices not being expected, and unless fellow Prohibitionists of New York state at once rally to Chairman PITTS' aid he will be compelled to pay the expenses of the legal actions which have been undertaken out of his own pocket.

Including state, national and county work, he has contributed over \$550 cash so far this year, and does not feel that his co-workers will ask him to pay this expense additionally.

The actions are very important, as the right to future thousands of election officials depends upon the outcome of these suits.

MANHATTAN LEAGUE

New York, December 7.—(Special correspondence.)—On Thursday evening the Manhattan Y. P. P. L. met at the Prohibition party headquarters and elected the following officers for the coming half year:

President.....VIGGO RUGAARD
Vice-President.....Mrs. CURRY
Corresponding Secretary...Miss BRADLEY
Recording Secretary...Miss K. MAYRER
Treasurer.....Mrs. S. LOOMIS
League Reporter...ROBERT J. MCAUSLAND

On Thursday evening, December 19, the League will hold a Christmas social at headquarters.

NEW YORK CITY WORK

NEW YORK, December 7.—(Special correspondence.)—The Prohibitionists of New York city have undertaken the publication of a weekly party bulletin, to be known as the *Indicator*, to act as a means of intercommunication between the members of the party in and around the national metropolis. The paper will be sold for 25 cents per year, but is specially intended to be clubbed with *The National Prohibitionist* in connection with which it will be offered for the regular price of the larger paper, \$1.00 per year. The management of the *Indicator* will be in the hands of Mr. ROBERT J. MCAUSLAND

and it will be published from *The National Prohibitionist's* New York office, at No. 400 West Twenty-third street.

WHAT WORK DID

Results of Effort in a York State Mountain County

Ticonderoga, N. Y., December 5. (Special correspondence.)—The result of hard work is well shown by the election returns of Essex county this year as compared with last. Last year the Prohibitionists of Essex county secured 86 votes for Captain HENRY RANDALL, candidate for governor. This year the two candidates for judges of the Court of Appeals, which stood at the head of our ticket, received each 270 votes, while our candidate for member of assembly received 420. There is no other explanation than simply the fact that our workers worked. The showing by towns is as follows:

TOWN.	1906.	COURT	1907.
	GOV'R.	OF AP.	AS'B'Y.
Chesterfield	1	12	19
Crown Point.....	4	6	8
Elizabethtown	2	7	20
Essex	—	3	12
Jay	2	18	25
Keene	1	10	16
Lewis	—	5	6
Minerva	1	6	5
Moriah	7	21	26
Newcomb	—	—	—
N. Elba	7	68	99
N. Hudson	—	—	—
Schroon	2	7	8

St. Ormand	16	23	37
Ticonderoga	18	24	32
Westport	3	26	49
Willsboro	3	15	38
Wilmington	19	20	20
	86	270	420

FOR A DRY CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 6.—(Special correspondence.)—The Prohibition wave has struck Connecticut strongly. Prohibition party workers believe that with ninety-seven of the one hundred and sixty-eight towns under no license it will be possible to elect a legislature that will be prepared to enact a general Prohibition law, putting the manufacture and sale of liquor under the ban and applying heavy penalty. Mr. MATTHEW E. O'BRIEN, the Prohibition leader, declares that the law of which he hopes to help have the making, will punish unlawful liquor-selling with jail sentences of hard labor, not with fines.

The matter is attracting attention enough that on Sunday the New Haven *Leader* devoted more than five columns of space to the question and recognizes the movement as a Prohibition party effort.

The national Prohibitionists announce that they will refuse to fuse with any other party, which indicates that they are willing to await the growth of the sentiment of the people upon their principal issue.—*The Woman's National Daily*.

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